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SUBJECT: US CITIZEN PRISONERS IN BOLIVIA: COURT RECESS AND
CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION

REF: STATE 131827

1. EMBASSY LEGAL ADVISERS ASSURE US THAT THERE IS NO
PROVISION IN BOLIVIAN CONSTITUTION REQUIRING SENTENCING OF
ACCUSED WITHIN ONE YEAR. EMBOFF HAS ALSO REVIEWED CONSTITU-
TION AND CAN FIND NO SUCH PROVISION.

2. WITH REGARD COURT RECESSES, ALL BOLIVIAN COURTS RECESS
AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR. DATES ARE ESTABLISHED FOR
EACH COURT AT THE BEGINNING OF JANUARY. THESE DATES MAY
DIFFER FROM YEAR TO YEAR AND DIFFER ACCORDING TO CLIMATE
AND SEASON AT EACH PROVINCIAL CAPITAL WHERE COURTS ARE
LOCATED. SUPERIOR COURTS RECESS AT SAME TIME AS LOWER
COURTS IN SAME CITY. RECESS IN 1977 FOR BOLIVIAN COURTS
RELEVANT TO U.S. PRISONERS AS FOLLOWS:

A. SUCRE SUPREME COURT: NOVEMBER 2 TO NOVEMBER 28.

B. COCHABAMBA COURTS: NOVEMBER 7 TO DECEMBER 7

C. SANTA CRUZ COURTS: NOVEMBER 7 TO DECEMBER 12.

THERE ARE NO U.S. PRISONERS UNDER JURISDICTION OF COURTS

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IN OTHER BOLIVIAN CITIES.

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